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SENATE RESOLUTION 123  
By Crutchfield

A RESOLUTION to commend Miss Erika Lewis for her  
extraordinary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Miss Erika Lewis is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Ward Crutchfield, the Senate Majority Leader; Erika's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where she was highly admired by her peers, Erika achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; on May 7, 2000, Miss Lewis participated in UT-Chattanooga's graduation ceremonies and received her B.S. in Political Science and her B.S. in Education with a concentration in both History and Political Science; and

WHEREAS, while at UTC, Erika was actively involved in Student Democrats, the Political Science Club, and the History Club; she had the honor of being inducted into the

Golden Key National Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi, and Pi Gamma Mu, and was awarded both the 1999 and 2000 Outstanding Senior Awards by the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, along with the excellence that Erika has exhibited in her studies throughout her academic career, Erika raised the bar for all other future interns to emulate; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2000 legislative session, Erika has surpassed all criteria with regard to the attributes of a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, when Cindy Gore was absent due to surgery, Erika quickly took over the duties as the self-appointed Office Manager with such aplomb that Cindy felt compelled to return to work early for fear that she would be outdone; and

WHEREAS, having brought new meaning to the word “flounce,” and in doing so, having taken hem lines to new heights, Miss Lewis has demurely disclosed to those in need of knowing, that she is the holder of a green belt in karate; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to assist in her studies, Miss Lewis brought her ability and expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2000 session of the One Hundred First General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, upon leaving the office of the Senate Majority Leader, Erika will become a dedicated and valuable state employee of the Attorney General’s Office, hoping that she will work directly under General Paul Summers, himself; and

WHEREAS, Erika Lewis, having earned many accolades, both academically and personally, in her short life, is being awarded the rare and coveted “Three Toots Award” from Senator Crutchfield, Jane Bauer, and Cindy Gore, for her outstanding performance and a job well done; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of proud parents, Butch and Luwin Lewis, sister of Chip, Jon, and David, sister-in-law of Kim, and aunt of Kylie, Erika has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and decorum, thus making her family, her community, and the Senate Majority Leader’s office proud of her; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Miss Erika Lewis for outstanding service as a legislative intern and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.